

# The Flashlight

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Photo courtesy Steve McCauley

Linda Huey has been a professional artist since her student years at Alfred University more than forty years ago.

## **Linda Huey featured at Loomis Gallery**

**By Steve McCauley**  
*Staff Writer*

Ceramic artist Linda Huey had a show hosted by the Loomis Art Gallery in Allen Hall.

The month-long show began on September 25 and ended October 20. Huey has had her work on display for forty years, both in magazines and galleries, including work from when she was a student at Alfred University, in Alfred, New York.

The artist maintains two studios; one in Boston, Massachusetts and one in Alfred Station, New York. Besides her show at the Loomis Art Gallery, Huey also came to Mansfield to do a workshop with students.

Dr. Martha Whitehouse, an associate professor of art at Mansfield University, chose Huey to be the featured artist in the show.

"We're friends," Whitehouse said. "I thought it would be beneficial to both the students and the gallery."

One of several pieces on display

was Huey's Dark Garden. The piece is about the environment and designed around trash, which isn't something noticed until it's inspected more closely. This piece was featured in the Erie Art Museum for the duration of 2016.

Darryl Abraham is the next artist who will be featured at the Loomis Art Gallery, beginning October 23. The work that will be featured is based around the artist's time in Israel, the theme being religion within the religion.

"This exhibit will be important for both history and art students," Whitehouse, who is also the current gallery director, said.

"All featured are in the gallery is selected because it is beneficial to the students here on campus," Kenneth Cobb, another professor in the art department, said. "Linda's work was selected for its environmental theme. Darryl's work was selected for its cultural importance. It's meant to give insight into a region that most of the student body hasn't visited."

## **Four PASSHE schools reconsider retrenchment**

Five Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) schools were considering laying off professors this academic year, a process called retrenchment. Those schools were Edinboro, California, Cheyney, Clarion and Mansfield.

April 1 was the deadline for informing the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties (APSCUF) about possible layoffs. Layoffs can become necessary because of program curtailment, elimination of courses, or the elimination of the duties and responsibilities performed by non-classroom

faculty, according to Article 29 of APSCUF's collective bargaining agreement.

"After the five universities issued their warnings, APSCUF members and administrators held meet-and-discuss sessions at state and local levels to find solutions that were best for students and the faculty members retrenchment would affect directly," APSCUF President Dr. Kenneth M. Mash said.

California University was the first to withdraw its letter of intent followed shortly thereafter by Edinboro at the end of August.

Mansfield University Interim President Scott Barton announced Mansfield University's intention not to retrench on September 12, 2017. "While there is considerable work that needs to be done to bring programmatic costs down, and changes to certain programs will be needed, I have concluded that it is in the best interest of our institution NOT to issue retrenchment notices to tenured or tenure-track faculty this academic year," Barton said in an email to Mansfield University faculty. "I notified APSCUF of this decision at our Meet and Discuss meeting today."

Ten days later Clarion became the fourth school to withdraw its letter of intent to retrench. "Although we believe there should never have been a letter on the table, we are glad the Clarion University administration took this step," APSCUF President Mash said. "We now turn our full attention to Cheyney University."

Of the five State System universities that issued letters of intent to retrench this past spring, one letter remains, perpetuating an atmosphere of uncertainty at Cheyney University, Mash said.

# Dr. Erik Loomis discussed the global economy with Mansfield students

By Emma Lynch  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Dr. Erik Loomis talked about “Justice and the Global Economy”, to an audience of about one hundred students and faculty on October 5, and answered some questions from the audience.

Loomis, a history professor at the University of Rhode Island, is the author of two books; *Out of Sight: The Long and Disturbing Story of Corporations Outsourcing Catastrophe* (2015) and *Empire of Timber: Labor Unions and the Pacific Northwest Forests* (2016), as well as authoring *Soil and Steel: The New Deal Roots of Labor-Environmental Coalitions*, which will be coming out in 2018.

He began giving this lecture last fall when his first novel *Out of Sight* was used as the first year seminar book and updated it for this year to include current events, such as the election of Donald Trump as President. The history within the lecture begins shortly before the Triangle Shirtwaist factory in 1911 and ends in the present day. He discusses workers’ rights, child labor, company reactions throughout the past century, and how the government has reacted to all of this. He also touched on how a handful of other countries have contributed or are connected with these issues,

“I see the problems of the world today,” Loomis said, “Most people who are talking about these problems aren’t making the connection to global destabilization.”

One of the main points in the lecture was to help educate Mansfield University students on the economic state of the world today and the world mankind could have instead. He also discussed why our world is not what it could be and why things are getting worse.

Loomis’ topic of is controversial. It has been debated endlessly for the past few years.

“I think he’s extremely biased,” Ryan McClain, a freshman Criminal Justice Administration major said, “Not all capitalists want to screw people over and not all republicans are evil, which is what he’s trying to say.”

“We always invite the author to campus [to give a lecture connected to their book],” Dr. Shawndra Holderby, the Director of the First Year Experience, said. “Unless the author is dead, then we invite a scholar that has studied them.”

It is unclear whether Loomis’ book, or the one he has coming out next year, will be used in the future. According to Holderby, a committee decides which book will be used and they want to only use books that provide a common experience for everyone who reads it.

# Mansfield University raised money for cancer awareness

By Adam Hutchinson  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Relay for Life was held on Friday April 21, 2016 in Kelchner Fitness Center at Mansfield University.

Relay for Life is put on by Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) which is a group of students who prepare the variety of activities to be held. Each year the event is held in Mansfield University’s Kelchner Fitness Center. This past year it took place from 5pm until 2am.

Weeks in advance, the Relay for Life CAC team sets up an account for each group that is participating to see who is going to raise the most money. Each team member that signs up for Relay pays 10 dollars, but this does not mean that is the most amount of money someone can donate to this great cause. The

CAC team sets a goal each year for the total amount of money that they hope to raise during Relay and this past year the goal was set up to 23,000 dollars.

At the event, there are stations set up around the gym by sororities, fraternities, sports teams, and the CAC team. Each station consists of games, food, or drinks depending on what that group wants to do. Each group uses their station to raise money to help fund the research to find a cure for all types of cancer. Along with all the money they are raising at the stations, there is a walk around the gymnasium at the beginning of the event that is led by survivors or by the family and friends of the individuals that lost their battle to cancer.

All Relay for Life events have a theme and last year Mansfield

University’s event theme is Disney movies. All the participating groups chose a movie that they wanted to use for their station. Each team was responsible for coming up with a game or activity that went along with their movie in hopes to raise money throughout the night.

The event last year was shorter than past events because most of the students get very tired and do not want to stay there all day and night. The CAC team looked back at their past Relay for Life events and figured out that the most people showed up between 5pm and 2am. The Relay for Life event chairperson, Mike Maniscalco, said, “as a team, noticing people do not want to stay here longer than this, we are going to do our best to raise the amount of money needed in this short time.”

# Sublime played at 2017 Spring Fling event

By ELLIE FRANZ  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Sublime with Rome and A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie came to Mansfield for this year’s Spring Fling.

At Van Norman Field on April 28 SGA hosted the yearly Spring Fling: a spring semester concert that brings in all sorts of musical artists to play for the students and residents of Mansfield. The Field opened its gates at 7pm but the actual concert didn’t start until 9 p.m. after Don Q had cancelled because of unknown reasons.

More than 600 tickets had been sold for the event. The tickets had been free for Mansfield students while the general public had to pay twenty-five dollars. Students of Mansfield also got a free t-shirt or tank top at the gate with the color choices of red, white, or black.

Before the concert even began the members of OG Kush and the Steamrollers, all Mansfield students, took the stage to keep the crowd entertained while they waited. They didn’t sing but instead played a set with drumsticks and stools. Using a rhythmic beat and flashy stick movements to capture the audience. They played one song before exiting

the stage.

Next up was another Mansfield student who announced herself as Young Shawty. She rapped three songs, each one of them playing with the song in the background. In between the songs she tried to get the crowd pumped with cheers. “She’s a good rapper, I had seen her previously at the talent show so it was fun to see her again.” Sarah Beitler, a Mansfield student, said.

A few minutes after nine, the concert had finally started with A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie taking the stage. The hip-hop artist rapped and sang through a 40 minute set with songs such as “Drowning” and “Still Think About You.” Behind him he had a DJ to handle the beats and the background music.

A Boogie Wit Ds Hoodie, real name J. Dubose, is currently a hip-hop artist as well as recording producer from Highbridge, New York. What had started his career was the release of his first full-length project in February 2016, a mix tape named *Artist*. It wasn’t until July 2016 that he got a deal with Atlantic Records. Not long after he released his first EP named *TBA* and made it to number 63 on the US Billboard 200 chart as well

as the Rolling Stone magazine’s 40 Best Rap Albums of 2016.

After A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie had exited the stage it took almost half an hour for Sublime with Rome to begin their performance. Nearly one fourth of the crowd both in the field, on the stands, and behind the fences left the scene after the hip-hop artist had finished. Sublime with Rome played for an hour with songs of the more punk genre.

Sublime with Rome is known for their bassist, Eric Wilson, and their starting drummer, Floyd ‘Bud’ Gaugh. Those two members had been from the original band, Sublime, and had teamed up with their current singer and guitarist Rome Ramirez to form Sublime with Rome after the death of Brad Nowell, the singer and guitar player of Sublime. Sublime with Rome had started out using the name Sublime before facing a lawsuit with Brad’s heirs, considering Brad had put the trademark ‘Sublime’ under his own name. Later on the drummer left the band to spend more time with his family leading to Josh Freese to replace him and later on Tribal Seeds.

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## Mansfield University joins Scholars at Risk network

MANSFIELD, PA— Mansfield University has joined Scholars at Risk (SAR), a network of over 400 higher education institutions in 39 countries working to protect threatened scholars, prevent attacks on higher education, and promote academic freedom.

“This is an exciting opportunity for our students, faculty, and staff,” Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs John M. Ulrich, who is SAR primary representative at Mansfield, said. “Through our membership in Scholars at Risk, we are joining the fight to preserve academic freedom across the globe. We will have opportunities to host a visiting scholar, participate in the network’s speaker series, and engage our students in research, advocacy, and other learning experiences through SAR. Exposing our students to issues faced by threatened scholars from a variety of backgrounds demonstrates our commitment to diversity and to making a difference locally and globally.”

According to Free to Think, a recent report published by SAR, scholars and students at universities around the world face regular threats as a result of their academic work and free expression of ideas. These threats to higher education communities range from restrictions on travel and unjustified firings to imprisonment and violence.

“Attacks on higher education shrink the space where people can freely think and ask questions about complex and contentious issues,” SAR Executive Director Robert Quinn said. “Our Network members are central to protecting scholars targeted by these attacks and building a stronger, safer university space.”

SAR member institutions assist persecuted scholars from other countries by offering temporary research and teaching positions, monitoring and advocating against attacks on higher education, and/or conducting learning initiatives to promote academic freedom. In addition, faculty, staff and students at member institutions have the opportunity to engage in SAR activities, including:

- Inviting SAR scholars to share their stories on campus through the SAR Speaker Series
- Advocating on behalf of imprisoned scholars through Student Advocacy Seminars and SAR’s Action Campaigns
- Researching attacks on higher education through the Academic Freedom Monitoring Project
- Engaging in a growing conversation around university values by attending SAR workshops and joining working groups

Mansfield’s students, faculty, and staff are invited to learn more about Scholars at Risk and how to get involved by contacting Dr.



Photo courtesy of Steve Savage

For their final reunion, Kathy Bleiler hosted her friends—Linda Pineno, David and Elizabeth Barron, Mark and Lesley Weber, Thomas Jones and Jo Ann Zwickl— in her Allentown home.

## The Friends of '77 meet for one last time

by STEVE SAVAGE  
*Special to the Flashlight*

More than a hundred young people enrolled in the Mansfield State College Music Department in 1973. Four years later 46 graduated with bachelor degrees in music. Their studies and their work and their interests led to their becoming friends for life.

Many of these students stayed in music as teachers or musicians. Some took different career paths, but they all kept their passion for music.

Eight kept in touch over the years: Linda Tough Pineno of Lehman, Pa.; David and Elizabeth Barron of Grove City, Pa.; Kathy Savage Bleiler of Allentown, Pa.; Mark and Lesley Lloyd Weber of North Cape May, NJ.; and JoAnn Huber Zwickl of Locust

Grove, Va. The seven friends from Mansfield University’s Music Department reunited in 1994 to share their stories and reminisce. They continued to hold reunions every two to three years, everyone taking a turn as host, with a sightseeing trip or two thrown in.

This year, they celebrated their forty year anniversary in Allentown, Pennsylvania, at the home of Dean and Kathleen Savage Bleiler on August 18, 2017. Kathy had been dealing health problems for 18 months, so her longtime friends made this reunion a special one for her with t-shirts and a handmade sign recognizing their forty year friendship. They shared stories, laughs and hugs, and made new memories as well. It was as if this close family, born forty years ago and spread across the country had never been apart.

The friends separated again after their

reunion, promising to keep in touch as always. It was the last time Kathleen and her friends would ever be whole. Kathleen died from brain cancer on August 31 with her husband Dean by her side, thirteen days after her final reunion.

Seven days later Kathleen’s friends returned to Allentown to remember their friend once again and to honor her memory. The Mansfield Friends Trio performed Amazing Grace on the flute and the choral anthem On Eagles Wings.

“Kathy made it easy to be her friend,” Linda Pineno said. “Our group will not be complete without her, but her laughter and energy will be with us always.”

The reunions will go on, and Kathy will always be there with her friends from ‘77.

Ulrich and signing up for SAR updates.

Mansfield University is the only member of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education to belong to the Scholars at Risk network.

# Mansfield says good-bye to retiring professors

By Emma Lynch  
*Editor-in-Chief*

At the end of the Spring 2017 semester, eight professors, from various departments, will be retiring from Mansfield University.

Professor Louise Sullivan-Blum, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Professor John Phillips, Dr. Jannis Floyd, Professor Gary McIntyre, and Dr. David Stinebeck have announced their plans to retire from teaching at the conclusion of the current semester. The departments they are a part of vary and all of these professors have had long careers at Mansfield.

Louise Sullivan-Blum has been teaching at Mansfield since 1993 in the English department, and is the creator of the creative writing minor, one of the largest on campus.

“I have several favorite classes. First and foremost is Intro to Fiction Writing. After that, I love teaching Disaster Lit and LGBTQ+ Lit,” Sullivan-Blum said. “I have to say, however, that I have loved teaching all the classes in the Creative Writing Minor, all of which I developed since coming to [Mansfield University].”

After moving to Corning to teach at Mansfield in 1993 from Lincoln, Nebraska, Sullivan-Blum recalls thinking how lucky she was to have a job where she didn’t dread Sunday nights. At one point there were roughly twenty professors in the English department, and eventually combined with the World Languages department. Then two professors passed away from cancer in the same year. The following year, several professors retired and only one was replaced.

Many factors play into Sullivan-Blum’s decision to retire, some of which include changes to the university itself. Financially and academically, the university has changed greatly since Sullivan-Blum joined the faculty and Sullivan-Blum no longer feels valued as a professor, nor does she feel that the success of students is valued.

## Mansfield’s got talent

By Gavin Herman  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Joe Turner, Alec Tallman, Adam Dodge, and Coleman Lidle won Mansfield’s Got Talent for their percussion group’s performance of “Stool Pigeon” by King Creole and the Coconuts.

The talent show had three prizes to win. First place got four \$25 gift card to Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, and Sheetz. Second place winner, rapper Slim Dell, got two \$25 gift cards to Amazon and Walmart. The third place winner, Young Shoddy – another rapper, won a \$30 gift card to Sheetz.

The show was hosted by the PR Workshop

Sullivan-Blum has found it harder and harder to find time to write and plans to devote much more of her time not only to writing, but also to working towards getting herself published. Although she will miss her students and teaching greatly, she is looking forward to focusing on her writing.

Bruce Carpenter began his teaching career at the University of Connecticut in 1977 and came to Mansfield in the summer of 1987. His focus is economics and is a part of the Department of History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology.

“I am fortunate to be in a job that facilitates my passion – Economics,” Carpenter said. “In fact, I am at my happiest when I am talking economics to anyone who will listen. In that sense, every class I have ever taught is my favorite class.” He also jokingly added that he was retiring because he didn’t want to overstay his welcome. His plans vary for after retirement; a 30-year long “honey-do” list, writing papers, gardening, reading, and traveling after his wife retires this summer.

Jannis Floyd is the chair of the Education and Special Education Department, and began her career 23 years ago.

“It is time [to retire],” Floyd said. “[I will] miss my students and I have enjoyed teaching all of my classes.” She plans on relaxing for a couple of months immediately after her retirement and then will pursue other interests, such as traveling.

Since the fall semester of 2004 Gary McIntyre has been a part of the Communications Department after spending many years working in radio and broadcasting.

“[I have decided to retire] because I am ‘retirement age’,” McIntyre said. “My first full time job was at a radio station in Corry, PA forty-seven years ago. So, I think I spent enough time in the work force.” He plans on spending some time traveling with his wife, and is considering the possibility of doing some part-time work in the radio

industry again. McIntyre will miss sharing his experience and research with his students, and appreciates not having to teach the same three courses every semester. “It is true that the students will keep you younger,” he said.

John Phillips has been a professor at Mansfield for seventeen years in the Computer Science Department. He is looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren and being closer to family, but will miss teaching.

“Teaching motivates me to learn new things to share with my students. I hope that learning will continue in retirement,” Phillips said. “My favorite class to teach was Computer Organization. [...] I still find it fascinating that something so complex can be created with a bunch of electronic on/off switches.”

Dr. David Stinebeck, a full-time professor with the English Department also spent some time in administration, for a five year total at Mansfield. In total, however, he has been teaching for 50 years.

“It’s time, and I want to travel,” Stinebeck said. “I’m also writing a book on the poetry that appears in American schoolgirl samplers.” Stinebeck also stated that he will miss seeing students come up with their own thoughtful ideas. According to him, Mansfield is underrated as a university by the Pennsylvania public, and that we (the university) need to get the word out to every corner of the state.

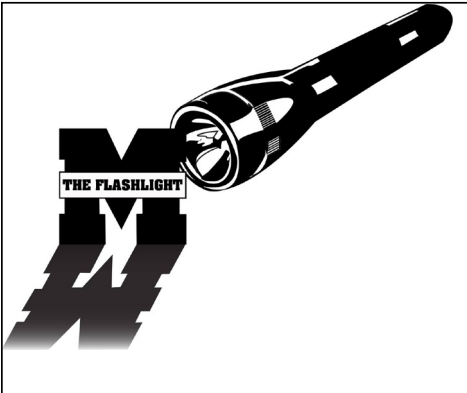
Professor Kimberly Slusser, the Director of the University Learning Center, and Professor Andrew Havalchak, of the Business Administration Department, are retiring at the end of this semester as well.

Many of the professors at Mansfield University have been at the college for a long time and have grown close to many of their students. The university is facing many challenges and changes over the next few years, from demolitions and renovations, funding cuts, to changes in the faculty and staff. Farewell to Mansfield University’s eight professors retiring at the end of Spring 2017.

Director of Marketing, now Director of Alumni Relations. They used a score sheet based on entertainment value and skill to award each act up to 20 possible points.

Attendance to the talent show was high with 180 students in the audience, which is the maximum occupancy for The Hut, where the show was held.

“I’ve never seen more than 15 people here,” Brett Hedman, a Mansfield University student, said. “This is insane.”



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# Javier Avila presents “The Trouble With My Name”

By Emma Lynch  
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Javier Avila presented his show, The Trouble with My Name, to a crowd of over seventy listeners.

Dr. Avila is an English professor at Northampton Community College, after teaching at the University of Puerto Rico for eight years. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, he attended a military school where English was the official language. Besides being a professor, Avila is also a celebrated novelist and poet, having written thirteen books. His bestselling novel, Different, became an award-winning movie, and his books of poetry, The Symmetry of Time and The Dead Man’s Position, have earned him awards from the Pen Club and from the Puerto Rico Institute of Culture.

His presentation tells the story of his life, interspersed with poetry, focusing on his Latino background and how it has affected him. It also looks at issues such as language, race, and social justice, including how race is a construct and that education is the answer to bigotry. Although the main focus is Avila’s experiences as a Latino in the U.S., he does his best to ensure that everyone can relate to it in some way.

“Everybody has a grandmother who cooked well, that’s just something common. Everybody has lost a loved one. Everybody, somehow, one way or another, has had an issue with their name and has had an encounter where they have to be culturally aware,” Avila said.

Avila reads a total of twelve poems within each presentation, most of them having to do with the point he discusses either before or after the poem.

“We wanted to do something that would be pleasurable for all audiences,” Avila said.

“Some of the poems, like “Bloodline”, that’s for everyone. [...] That Facebook poem, for example, which has nothing to do with the Latino experience, is too fun for me to not include.”

“If a tree falls in the forest,  
and it doesn’t take a selfie,  
did it really fall?”

- Facebook Poem, The Trouble  
with My Name

“It’s the story of each of us,” Dr. Brad Lint, a Mansfield University assistant English professor, said. “It’s a unique performance and it has an important message.”

“I am Puerto Rican myself but I come from a mixed family. We do not speak much to that side of the family, so it is always exciting to hear stories about Puerto Rico,” Chelsea Smith, a senior Psychology major, said. “It is funny because the trouble with his name is that everyone knows he is Puerto Rican. The trouble with mine is that no one does.”

“It was like time traveling,” Edgard Domenech, the Mail Services Coordinator at Mansfield University, who was also born and raised in Puerto Rico, said. “[Using Vick’s to heal all cuts and bruises], that’s what my mother used to do. I’ve been in Pennsylvania thirty years, twenty-six in Tioga County. Just to listen to him, the way he talks, it was like going back in time.”

Avila’s show will be moving to Boston, then Virginia, Indiana, Puerto Rico, and several other places in Pennsylvania.

The event was sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, the Center for International Cooperation & Exchange, the Department of English & World Languages, and Student Life & Leadership.

The VR system used was a HTC Vive, a device for virtual reality that lets users stand and move around a room after setup. The system is used through a virtual reality headset, two sensors for the play field, and a controller for each hand. The computer science club assisted students interested in trying out VR, showing video games that took advantage of the hardware. Titles for the system that were previewed included Zombie Training Simulator, My Little Doughnut, and Gorn.

The system was purchased using funds provided by the Student Government Association. “[It cost] \$800 for the computer, \$800 for the VR, so \$1600 in total.” Osten said.

The club didn’t give a definite answer to showcasing VR again in the residence halls. “We get [the VR] out every weekend” Osten said. In-club sessions with the hardware have a tentative schedule of 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday or Saturday and are open to interested students. Official club meetings are scheduled at 3:45 p.m. on Monday.

## Students decorated eggs in Sycamore Hall

By Kortney Regis  
*Flashlight Contributor*

Easter eggs were being decorated by students in Sycamore Hall, Thursday April 14, 2016 due to the Easter holiday.

With Easter weekend approaching previous RA Erin Carrigan and RA Morgan Mulroy put on an egg decorating program in Sycamore at the 4th floor kitchen for their residents.

They bought a total of three egg coloring kits which included the dye tablets, egg spoons, and decorating material including stickers, cutouts, and crayons. Each student who attended were able to decorate as many eggs as they wanted. They also had the option to take them home for the upcoming holiday.

“We put on this program because Easter is coming up and we were hoping it would get some involvement with students in our building. April is also a really busy month for everyone so this was just something fun to

do,” RA Morgan said.  
“I came to support the Sycamore residence life team and color some eggs. Hopefully the eggs will make it home for Easter,” Chris Hawthorne, a senior graphic design major and Sprue RA, said.

“Decorating eggs is a tradition for a lot of families, and it is really easy to do if you have a decorating kit,” RA Erin said.

For this particular kit, the directions were printed on the back. The only supplies one would need would be cups, vinegar, and boiled eggs. By adding the color tablet that is provided, along with vinegar and water, the dye is ready. Students could make their eggs one solid color or multiple. The longer they sat in the dye, the brighter the color.

After the dye was dry, students were able to decorate the eggs. Hawthorne gave his egg monster eyes, mouth, and feet, he also added orange “hair” on top with orange cotton. He donated this egg to the Sycamore front desk for residents to check out.

# Mountaineer Brass Band to perform Veterans Day concert at Bath VA hospital

The Mansfield University Mountaineer Brass Band, under the direction of Nathan Rinnert, will present a concert honoring U.S. military veterans on Saturday, November 11, 1:30 p.m., at the VA Hospital Auditorium (Building 92) in Bath, NY. The concert is free and open to the public. Following the concert, the VA will host a reception for members of the band to interact with guests and residents of the VA Hospital facility.

The hour-long concert will feature a wide variety of marches, patriotic pieces and popular tunes. An Armed Forces Salute, that includes songs associated with each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, will highlight the concert.

The Mountaineer Brass Band is proud to be the only traditional, British brass band in Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, and one of only a handful of university brass bands in the U.S., where the brass band movement seems to be increasing by leaps and bounds each year for the past decade.

The MU Brass Band maintains a minimum instrumentation of 10 cornets, one flugelhorn, three tenor horns, two baritones, one euphonium, three trombones, two

E-flat tubas, two BB-flat tubas, and three percussionists for 27 total instruments.

Initiated at MU in the spring of 2006, performing on “less-British” instruments like trumpets, French horns, and American baritones, the band really took off spring of 2008 with support from the university Provost who provided the band with new cornets, tenor horns, baritones, and E-flat tubas. This ensemble quickly has become a favorite for both performers and audiences.

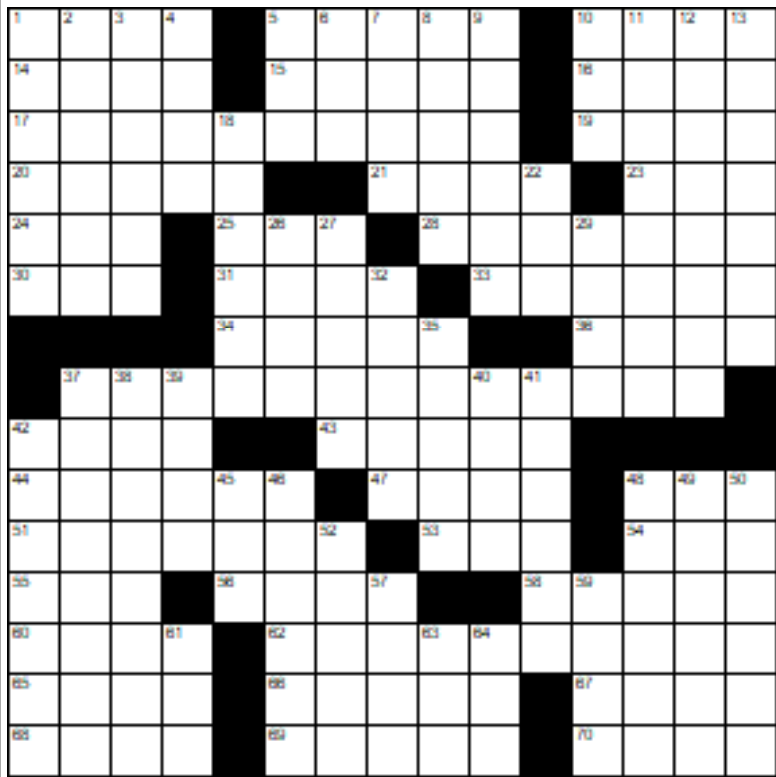
The Mountaineer Brass Band performs one stand-alone concert each semester, plays one number at the annual music department PRISM concerts, serves as the MU December Commencement Band in Decker Gym, and participates as one of the clinic ensembles at the annual MU Conducting Symposium held each February in Steadman Theater.

In addition to these annual events, the band competes every two years in the North American Brass Band Association contest in Fort Wayne, IN. The band’s first trip to this contest in 2015 resulted in a second place trophy in the third section, missing the championship award by only three-tenths of a point out of a possible 300 points.



Good Advice

by V. Roomba



- Across

1. Strong string

5. Collect

10. Shuttle org.

14. After lunch treat

15. Civil War losers

16. Bad stuff

17. Quip start

19. Actress Moore

20. Fauna alternative

21. \_\_\_\_ Mater

23. Extinct large, flightless birds

24. Request

25. Mueller agency, 2001 to 2013, briefly

28. Antennas

30. Honey maker

31. Type face

33. Edict

34. Bangalore home

36. Life stories, for short

37. Middle of quip

42. Senior dance

43. Early anesthesia

44. Using needle and thread

47. Isaac's 90-year-old mother (Var.)

48. Printing measured
- Down

1. Chat, for short

2. Threat ender

3. Take back, like a privilege

4. One who doesn't sit by

5. Cigarette residue

6. Ms.

7. Surrounding atmosphere

8. Commemorative stone slab

9. Humiliated
10. Eddard Stark to his friends

11. Catholic prayer

12. A buck or a greenback

13. 55 Across list

18. African palm tree with long leaves

22. Exist

26. Capitol of West Germany, before the Wall fell

27. Type of film or record label

29. Initially, missile to be feared

32. Gives color to

35. Ottoman officers

37. Where one might get milk

38. Vulgar language of Rome

39. Sour green fruit backward

40. 22 Down yesterday

41. Spoke, a la Bernie Sanders

42. Showed mild disapproval, like grandma

45. Neither's partner

46. Not for

48. Weekend activity for foolish students

49. Word repeated to aid meditation

50. One who won't leave

52. Kind of infection

57. Muslim chief

59. The Second Deadly Sin

61. Experience visually

63. Before for the Bard of Avon

64. Morning moisture



Ulrich named Interim Provost, Sidell named Interim Associate Provost

Dr. John M. Ulrich has been named interim provost and Dr. Nancy L. Sidell will serve as interim associate provost and dean of the Faculty at Mansfield University.

In making the announcement, Interim President Scott Barton said, “Together, Drs. Ulrich and Sidell have [almost] 50 years of combined experience serving Mansfield University in various capacities, both as faculty members and in the administration. Their combined knowledge, commitment, and approachability will serve us well as we move the university forward in the months ahead.”

Ulrich came to Mansfield in 1991 and has served as an English professor, Honors Program director, department chair, and associate dean. Most recently he has held the position of dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

“I’m looking forward to working with our students, our faculty and staff, and our external partners as we continue to ensure that our university meets the educational needs of our region and beyond,” Ulrich said.

Sidell began employment at the university in 1998 as a Social Work professor and has served as department chair and director of the Social Work Program. Most recently, she held the position of dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

# Eat yourself thin...for the holidays

If you are one of the several million people who count carbohydrates as part of your quest for a healthy way of life, the upcoming holiday season can be challenging. Although you can treat yourself to foods typically forbidden to people on diets, such as steaks, eggs and cheese, acceptable sweet treats that fit it with your daily regimen are not so easy to find and enjoy. Low carbers are usually faced with even more challenges and temptations during the holidays.

Here are a few tips for holiday snacking.

- Never go to a party hungry. Unless you know that the menu features foods that are on your diet, eat before you go.
- If you are tempted by sugary desserts and candies, take along a low carb treat that you like that you know won't put you over the top. Drop it in your pocket and eat it when you are tempted to snack on something at the party.
- Prepare a few dinner entrees ahead of time and keep them in your freezer to slip in the microwave for a quick meal after a full day of shopping, tree hunting, work or other holiday preparations. Keep your mind off those gingerbread cookies.
- Keep low carb cookies, desserts and treats prepared ahead of time and in the freezer for last-minute entertaining or personal snacking.

The holidays do not have to spell the end of your diet. Keep your wits about you and keep yourself under control.

# History class conducts research at Holocaust Memorial Museum

In order to develop a clearer understanding of the subject matter in his "Nazi Germany and the Holocaust" class, Mansfield University Associate Professor of History Andrew Gaskiewicz took the entire class to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC to conduct research at the museum's library on a major paper assignment. Twenty four students, accompanied by Gaskiewicz, Associate Professor of History and Political Science Jeff Bosworth and Assistant Professor and Department of Social Work Chair Tiffany Welch, spent October 5-6 at the Holocaust Museum.

Students were required to submit a paper proposal, which included a thesis statement, abstract, short outline, and annotated bibliography, to the museum's library staff. Librarian Megan Lewis graciously sent

detailed comments to Gaskiewicz on each proposal to help our students prepare for the research trip.

When The MU group arrived, Lewis provided students with a library orientation, after which we visited the museum's permanent exhibition. The next day, the class was split in half, with half the students conducting their research in the morning, and half in the afternoon.

Sources that were off-site had been ordered for students ahead of time so that they could look at them, and students had looked up important call numbers in the museum's library before the trip so that they could easily locate them in the museum's vast library.

"I've never been to D.C. until I went on this field trip," Criminal Justice Administration major Michael Crippen said. "It was an

experience that I'll never forget. Going through the exhibits in the museum was very educational, but also sad."

"I really enjoyed the research I did in the library," Abigail Shenot, Social Studies-History major, said. "It's not something I ever thought I would be able to do. The whole trip is definitely something I will never forget."

"The most enriching part of the trip to D.C. was the research portion History major Mary Kassock said. "There were books and documents that I wouldn't have found here at Mansfield or wouldn't have thought to look up online. The library was so extensive and everything was easy to find."

Due to the success of this field trip, Gaskiewicz plans to incorporate this trip into his course, "Genocide in the 20th Century," next fall

# \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Mansfield University to host community financial aid nights

Mansfield University will host Community Financial Aid Nights on Wednesday, November 1 and Tuesday, November 14 in Elliott Hall, Room 113 from 4-7 p.m.

Students and parents who are interested can stop anytime between those hours. The sessions are free and open to any student attending, or planning to attend, any college or university. In particular, high school seniors are urged to attend.

MU staff members will be on hand to answer question and assist students in filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms. Computers will be available.

Before the workshop, students should apply for their student and parent federal pin number at fsaid.ed.gov. They should also bring their parent and student 2016 Tax information to the session.

# Mansfield University professor and colleague published in Chinese journal

Dr. Tim Madigan, associate professor of Sociology at Mansfield University, and his colleague Sampson Blair from the University at Buffalo (NY) had their article, "Dating Attitudes and Expectations Among Young Chinese Adults: An Examination Of Gender Differences," published in The Journal of Chinese Sociology, summer 2016 issue.

"The journal informed another colleague of mine that our article was the top highly accessed article," Madigan said. "It is an open access journal. My colleague was a student of mine at Central China University in Wuhan, China and his article, which was published in the journal, was the second most highly accessed article at that time."

The journal is housed at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Several top America sociologists are on the review board, such as Michael Burawoy of Berkley, David Grutsky of Stanford, and William Parrish of Chicago.

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## Mounties play tough against Lock Haven but fall short on senior day

The score is hardly a reflection of how the Mansfield University women's soccer team competed in the 2-0 setback against Lock Haven.

The Mountaineers outshot the Bald Eagles in the second half and held a 7-3 advantage in shots on goal when the 90 minutes drew to a close.

Lock Haven (5-10, 4-10 PSAC) opened the scoring in the 22nd minute as Gabby Kishbaugh netted her fourth goal of the season off an assist from Erika Landis. Mansfield's (0-13-1, 0-13-1 PSAC) fate would be sealed as Haileigh Swam, the top scorer for the Eagles, scored her fourth as well.

Alexis Bittel and Eleni Gebbia led the Mounties taking five shots each. Bittel and Bria Bittiger each had two shots going on goal while Nikki Ortiz and Sierra Austin each created scoring opportunities early in the second half. Chelsea Hough, Cay McNichol, and Abbey Korber also chipped away at Lock Haven's back line.

Mansfield was aggressive through and through, only calling on freshman Dana DiCamillo to face a season-low of three shots.

Women's soccer closes out their home campaign on Wednesday at 3 p.m. before concluding the season at Mercyhurst next Saturday.

## Jones and Clifford earn 1st Team All-PSAC at PSAC championships

Kenzie Jones and Ryan Clifford placed 5th and 13th overall, respectively, to claim 1st Team All-PSAC Honors in the PSAC Championship hosted by California University.

The women earned a 14th place team finish in their 6k while the men took 12th overall in their 8k.

Jones paced the women with an All-PSAC worthy time of 23:10 and Kirsten Anderson was 54th overall at 25:21. Lyndsey Payne came in less than a minute later at 26:18 for 96th overall.

Pascalwoyldyna Leonard arrived 27 seconds behind her PR at 26:38 in 107th while Janelle Peachy took 146th at 28:08 to round out the Mountaineer top five.

The women's race was won by California's (Pa.) Julie Friend in 22:07 to claim the team title for the Vulcans.

Junior Ryan Clifford led the men's team crossing the line at 27:49. Ben Drexler took 90th at 30:20 followed closely by Carson Ayers in 95th (30:42).

The Mounties' top five were closed out by Bailey Lutz at 30:58 for 100th and Kyle Calogero in 108th with a mark of 31:15.

Edinboro's Austin Pondel led the Fighting Scotts to a team title with a time of 26:27.

Mansfield is set to compete at the NCAA Atlantic Region Championships hosted by Houghton on Nov. 4.

## Undefeated Army West Point too much for Mounties

Jeff Bagwell and Adam Hutchison recorded touchdowns, but undefeated Army West Point proved to be too much, defeating Mansfield 62-14 Saturday afternoon on Senior Day at Karl Van Norman Field.

Prior to the game, seniors Douglas Bird, Dylan Flexer, and Kyle Post were honored as part of the Senior Day ceremonies.

Army (6-0, 2-0 CSFL North) scored three straight touchdowns to open the game and take an early 21-0 lead. However, Mansfield (1-5, 1-2 CSFL South) used a 15-play, 75-yard drive capped by Nick Cherasaro's 13-yard touchdown pass to Bagwell to bring the score within 14 points late in the first quarter.

The Knights went on to score 34 unanswered points over the next two quarters to take a sizeable advantage. The Mountaineers got on the board for the second time in the game when Adam Hutchison scored on a 1-yard quarterback keeper late in the third.

Army tacked on another touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Cherasaro completed 14-of-34 passes for 109 yards and a score. D.J. McLean hauled in four passes for a game-high 81 yards.

Defensively, Josh Friebe totaled 14 tackles with eight solo efforts with Post totaling 12. Nic Anastasi and Nicko Bryant Jr. each recorded 10 tackles. Flexer recorded a sack for the fifth straight game and now holds a school record 12 this season.

Army quarterback Keegan West completed 15 passes for 164 yards and three touchdowns.

Mansfield has a bye week before traveling to defending CSFL champions Penn in the season finale.

## Field hockey earns most wins since 2008 with 3-1 victory over Seton Hill

Katie Jamison scored a pair of goals to lead Mansfield to a 3-1 PSAC field hockey victory over Seton Hill on Saturday evening in the home finale at Karl Van Norman Field.

The win is the seventh of the season for third-year head coach Brittany Hansrote which is the most for the Mountaineers since the 2008 season.

Mansfield (7-9, 2-6 PSAC) put heavy pressure on the Griffins early, but could not solve the defense until the 21st minute when Jamison took a perfect pass from Christie Buyer across the goalmouth and placed it past the keeper. However, Seton Hill (3-13, 0-8 PSAC) found the equalizer minutes later when Zyah Newsome played a deflected ball into the cage to tie the score.

Just one minute into the second half of play, Katie Lipski collected a Mikaila Chakon pass from the right side of the circle and beat the keeper to the right to regain the lead for the Mounties. It was the fourth goal of the season for Lipski.

In the 54th minute, Abbie Predmore drove a long pass perfectly into the scoring zone where Jamison dove and slapped the ball between the keeper's legs and into goal to extend the lead. It was the first multi-goal performance of the sophomore's career.

Mansfield dominated offensively, outshooting the Griffins 33-10 with 12 shots on goal. The Mounties also held a 21-2 advantage in penalty corners.

Eight different Mountaineers recorded three or more shots in the game with Lipski leading the pack at five. Keeper Brittany Ryan made six saves to earn her seventh win of the season.

Mansfield travels to IUP on Wednesday.



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## Mansfield University choirs perform holiday concert

Mansfield University's Music Department came together to perform the annual holiday concert in Steadman Theatre this past weekend.

This year's concerts were entitled "Sleigh Bells Ring" and were focused on the holidays and snow. The program drew on a range of music from historical classics to popular songs that celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah and the season surrounding it.

The holiday performance included the University's Concert

Choir, Festival Choir, and Women's Choir, Men's Choir, and Chamber Singers. In total there were more than 150 singers and instrumentalists involved. Selections of music included "Let It Snow", "Winter Wonderland", "White Christmas", "Candleglow", and "Ding Dong". The Women's Choir also performed a piece called "Snow Forms". They had previously performed the piece during their fall concert but, due to dissatisfaction of both professors and singers with the earlier performance, choose to

perform the piece again.

"There was some pressure," Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, producer and director, said. "A lot of people pay to have a good time and I didn't want them to be disappointed."

The final piece was Winter Wonderland of Snow, arranged by Mark Hayes. This particular arrangement included all of the choirs, as well as piano, wind instruments, and percussion.

The audience frequently joined in singing with the various choirs on crowd favorites, and several students

stated that their favorite part of the program was the final number as everyone was singing together.

Although students and staff were free with ID, other audience members were encouraged to purchase their tickets in advance and arrive half an hour before the beginning of the concert because of the popularity of this annual concert.

The concert was also supported, in part, by student activity fees.

# Education professor presented at Education Symposium

Nanci Werner-Burke, professor and department chair of Education and Special Education at Mansfield University, presented at the Critical Questions in Education Symposium held in Pittsburgh, PA on October 31. Werner-Burke’s presentation, “Connective Practices in the Pedagogy of Change,” explored 21st century frameworks for teaching and learning and providing related classroom-tested K-16 approaches. Future cognitive and societal shifts were discussed in the participatory session.

# Mansfield University Chamber Singers perform Holiday Dinner Concert

The Mansfield University Chamber Singers, a select 16-member ensemble under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, will present a holiday dinner concert on Thursday December 7 at the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro. The Chamber Singers will present a program of selections focused on “The Time of Snow” interspersed between dinner courses. The program will include a setting of The Time of Snow by Bob Chilcott, the lovely Austrian carol, Still, Still, Still, an exciting text by Edgar Allan Poe, The Bells, and closes with a recessional on Silent Night. The dinner, prepared by Chef Dennis Klimko, will feature butternut squash ravioli with garlic sage cream sauce as an appetizer, roasted red pepper soup, spring mix salad with a roll, an entrée of stuffed sole with crab cakes and hollandaise sauce or fettuccini Alfredo with rice and vegetables, and molten peppermint cake for dessert. The cost for dinner and concert is \$39 per person, exclusive of drinks, tax and tip. The cost for dinner and concert is \$39 per

## POLICE BEAT

- Anyone with information on any these events are encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police at 570-439-4900 -

- 11/14/17- Emerald Seing, 20, was arrested after the Tioga County Probation Department conducted a search of room 311 in Spruce turned up marijuana and paraphenalia packaged for delivery. She is being charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, possession of marijuana for personal use, and 3 counts possession of drug paraphenalia.

- 11/10/17- Mansfield University Police responded ro reports of Marijuana odor from Spruce room 72. Chrystal Acevedo, 22, Mary Biviens, 21, and Dajah Ravenell, 22, are being judicially referred in relation to this incident.

- 11/13/17- Mansfield Univerity Police were called for several vehicles parked in Brooks Maintenance parking lot. Several vehicles left as police arrived and one officer also witnessed one of these vehicles back into a university employee’s vehicle. The driver was Thomas McClutcheon, 18, and it was determined that the underage student had consumed alcohol. McClutheon will be charged with underage consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor and operating a motor vehicle with alcohol in his system as a minor. Mansfield Borough Police assisted on the scene.

- 11/5/17- Mansfield University Police Officer Kluge detected evidence of a drug violation in room 372 of Spruce. Upon further investigation it was determined that Brianna Green, 21, Taiyana Kely, 21, Kardale Taylor, 19, and Malaysia Allen, 18, had been smoking marijuana in the room. The four are being referred to campus judicial authorities.

- 11/3/17- University Police were called to Oak room 429 for underage drinking. Kristen Covington, 18, Mckenna Ennis, 19, Adam Zabretsky, 19, Jesiah Moyer, 19, Sarah Cimahosky, 18, Hunter Witters, 18, and Rachel Fisher, 18, were found to have consumed alcohol. All are being cited and judicially referred.

## Veterans honored with a luncheon by Mansfield University

Mansfield University honored students, faculty, staff and administrators who are Veterans, Reserves, ROTC or Active Duty Military with a Veteran Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, November 9 in North Manser Hall. Interim President Scott Barton thanked all members of the Mansfield family who have served and are serving in the military. “We are here today to honor our heroes and remember their achievements, their courage and their dedication,” Barton said. “We are here to say thank you for your service. Thinking of the heroes in this room today, and those that are only here in spirit, a person can’t help but feel a sense of awe by the enormity of their service to our country. ” Command Chief Master Sergeant Regina Stoltzfus of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard was the guest speaker. Stoltzfus told her personal story of how the Air Force took her from East Los Angeles allowed her to see the world. She also talked about dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) after deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and shared what she and other veterans learn from that experience. “Battle scars are a part of us, but they are not what defines us,” she said. “What defines us is the character we’ve gained from those battle scars. We have structure and self-discipline and leadership, and all those things make us great people. We’ve learned from that adversity to stand tall and we to know when to follow and when to lead.” Four MU students who are veterans were awarded scholarships the luncheon. The Shirey-Cromley Yellow Ribbon Scholarship was awarded to Joshua Johnson. The scholarship, established in 2014 by Brenda (Shirey) Cromley, a 1977 Mansfield graduate, and her husband Marlin Cromley, an Air Force veteran, is to provide recognition and financial assistance to veterans to assist and enable them to pursue a college education and find lasting success on the home-front. Johnson also received the MU Military Scholarship along with Larry Anderson, Tyler Moffe and Kylan Sattler. Sattler also received the Mansfield Foundation Members of the Military Scholarship. The scholarship funds have been raised by the MU Veterans Support Group, which is comprised of faculty, staff and student veterans. The Veterans Appreciation Luncheon was sponsored by Arnot Sportsmen’s Cub, Blossburg American Legion Post 572, Scott and Pam Boyce, Denise Davey, Dan and Mindy Hoffman (in honor of Michael and Amay Hoffman), Knoxville VFW Post 6753, Roger Maisner, Mansfield Foundation, Mansfield VFW Post 6757, Morris Run American Legion Post 167, MU ROTC, MU Chapter of the Student Veterans of America, Wade and Tanya Reese, Troy Vets Club and Dusty Zeyn. The event sponsored by the MU Military & Veteran Affairs Office.

## Voice students compete at regional competition

Four Mansfield University voice students came away winners in their respective categories at the Allegheny Mountain Chapter of the National Association of Teaching of Singing (NATS) Fall Student Auditions held November 11 at Gettysburg College. The winning students were Michael Deshield in the First Year College Men category, Kyle Cannon and Bennett Salter in the Second Year College Men category and Ben Eisenhour in the Upper College Musical Theater category. A total of 15 MU voice students competed. All the MU students study voice with Alissa Rose, Youngsuk Kim or Todd Ranney. The top winners were featured in a final concert at the end of the auditions, where Kyle Cannon, who studies with Ranney, sang In quegli anni from Le nozze di Figaro and Ben Eisenhour, who studies Alissa Rose, ended the concert with What Is It About Her? from The Wild Party. All students received comment sheets from the judges, who were voice teachers and NATS members. More than 150 students from across Pennsylvania competed in categories ranging from high school to college. “These auditions are a great opportunity for the students to get feedback about their singing, hear other students from around the area, and be exposed to a wide variety of repertoire,” Rose said. NATS is the largest association of teachers of singing in the world, with members in more than 25 countries, and the student auditions are one of the major activities of each NATS chapter. person, exclusive of drinks, tax and tip. Seating begins at 6:15 p.m.





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## Dr. Nancy Sidell joins Social Work Guide Steering Committee as Co-Chair

Nancy Sidell, interim associate provost and dean of the Faculty at Mansfield University, has been named co-chair of the Steering Committee overseeing the Curricular Guide for Licensing and Regulation, a joint effort by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

CSWE is the accrediting body for social work programs the U.S. ASWB is the organization overseeing social work licensing examinations in the U.S. and Canada. The Guide will serve as a national resource for BSW and MSW programs across the country and will be disseminated to all CSWE-accredited programs. It will develop specialized practice competencies and curricular resources for licensing and regulation. The steering committee consists of nine members from across the country, representing both graduate and undergraduate education as well as licensing and regulatory

representatives. A national call for volunteers to populate a task force is under way now; task force volunteers will be assigned to one of nine work groups that will develop the guide and its accompanying resources. The goal is to finalize the Guide by fall 2018. Sidell has been active with CSWE as a past site visitor and member of its Commission on Accreditation. She is currently one of five national item development consultants for ASWB, training and mentoring item writers as they develop licensing examination questions for tests given to social workers seeking licensure in 50 states and five Canadian provinces. She joined the MU faculty in 1998. Sidell's co-chair is Deana Morrow, director of the West Virginia University School of Social Work. "I'm honored to be tasked with providing leadership to this important effort and look forward to working with Deana in moving this long-awaited project forward," Sidell said.

## Conference eases college to career transition anxiety

The fifth annual C3: College to Career Conference was held at the Best Western Country Cupboard Inn in Lewisburg, PA on November 11.

A collaborative venture of career centers from eight Pennsylvania colleges and universities; Mansfield University, Cedar Crest College, East Stroudsburg University, Kutztown University, Lock Haven University, Lycoming College, Millersville University and Penn State Harrisburg, the Senior Transitions Conference is designed to provide students with the necessary skills for a successful transition from college to career.

Students heard from a variety of speakers on topics such as understanding employment benefits, personal budgeting, interviewing and the student loan repayment process. The conference opened with keynote speaker Albert Jones, director of Human Resources with First Quality Products, whose powerful presentation "All the Way: Nothing Can Stop You...But You!" left students realizing that they control their own reality and choices made now can have an immense impact on the rest of their lives.

Participants also heard from recent alumni who shared their experiences on transitioning from college to career.

"I was excited to be a part of the C3 conference recent alumni panel this year", said Meredith Shewell, a 2014 Mansfield graduate.

"It was great to see how far the conference has come since I attended as a student in 2014. Navigating the 'real world' isn't an easy task, and I'm thankful that I'm able to give pieces of advice to soon-to-be graduates by sharing my story and experiences."

Shewell is currently employed as a Media Coordinator with the Pavone Marketing Group in Harrisburg, PA.

"As a first-year student, I'm really glad I chose to attend the College to Career Conference," Mariah Conrad, an MU freshman majoring in Social Work, said. "Graduation may be a few years away for me; however, having this learning experience now gives me the opportunity to practice the tips given about professionalism, resumes, interviews, and other areas. I feel like I'll be that much more ready when those job opportunities do present themselves."

## Three professors granted emeritus status

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees, upon the recommendation of Interim President Scott Barton, granted emeritus status to three retired MU faculty at its November 8 meeting.

Granted emeritus status and their years of service are:

Nancy Boston, Music, August 1994-May 2015

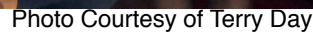
Andrew Havalchak, Business Administration, August 1980-June 2017

John Phillips, Math and Computer Information Science, August 2000-September 2017

Emeritus status is granted to retired full-time faculty in recognition of dedicated service to Mansfield University.

The action was based on the recommendation of the academic departments and Interim Provost John Ulrich, and followed a poll of senior faculty.





The MOU outlines responsibilities for Mansfield and The Milton Hershey School including information sharing with the goal of improving The Milton Hershey School student success and degree completion rates, access to admissions counselors, campus tours and participation in collaborative college and career days.

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## Retired professor to speak at fall commencement ceremony

J. Dennis "Denny" Murray, professor emeritus of Psychology, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 153rd Commencement on Saturday, December 16 at 11 a.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

"Dr. Murray has a deep and lasting connection to Mansfield University," MU Interim President Scott Barton said in making the announcement. "As a professor, mentor, and friend, Denny has touched the lives of countless Mansfield University students, faculty, and staff. We are fortunate to have him as our commencement speaker, and we look forward to the advice and guidance he offers to our newest graduates."

Murray retired in 2015 after serving on the Mansfield faculty for 37 years. As a professor, he taught courses in counseling, leadership studies, rural community psychology, prevention of mental illness, death and dying studies, and student professional development. In addition, Murray placed and supervised students conducting internships in over 200 schools and community organizations.

He was chairperson of the Department of Psychology for 10 years and interim provost, then

associate provost, for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Murray served and continues to serve in numerous leadership roles professionally and in the community. He has been president of the National Association for Rural Mental Health, vice chairperson of the Board of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, and chairperson of the Academic Division of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. For over 30 years, Murray has been an elected director of health care organizations serving our region. He has chaired the Board of the Laurel Health System and is currently on the boards of the Laurel Health Foundation and the newly formed UPMC Susquehanna health system and its affiliates.

Murray earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Rochester, and he is a fellow of the American Psychological Association. Before coming to Mansfield, he taught at the University of North Dakota for four years. His scholarly work includes research on mental health needs and services in rural communities, and he has published and presented extensively in that area. Murray has also studied and speaks on a variety of topics of great personal and professional interest, including peer support and counseling; community, organizational, and ethical leadership; conflict resolution; and death and dying.

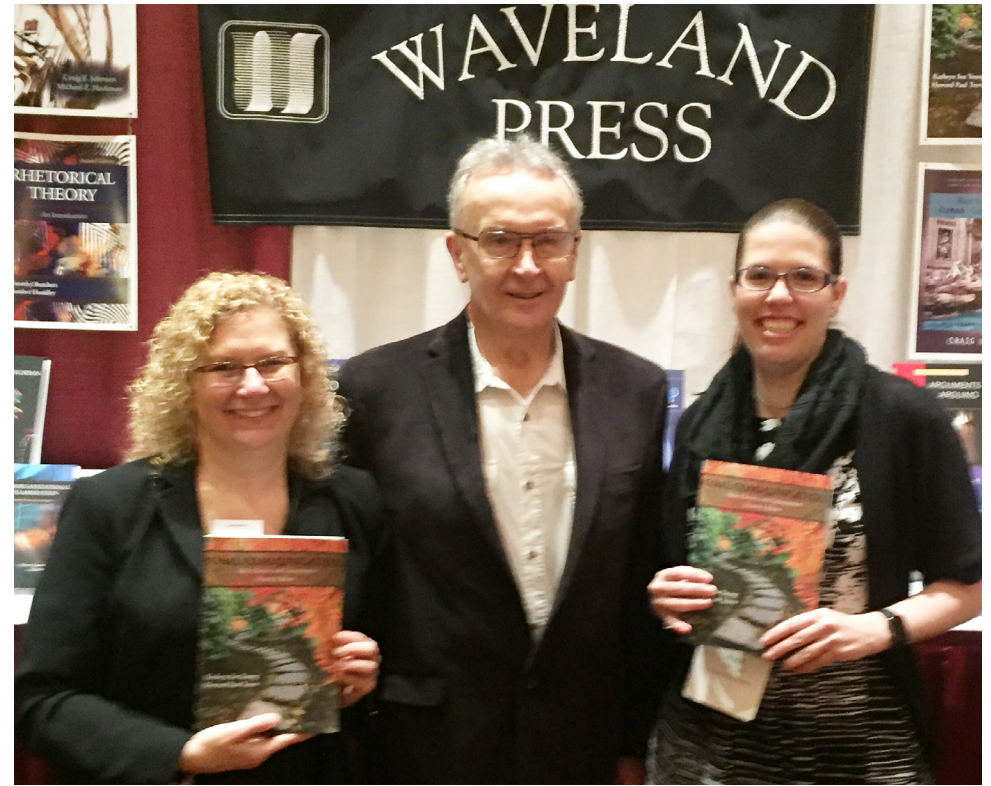


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## Professors publish second book this year

Mansfield University Professor Kathryn Sue Young, chair of the Department of Communication, and Professor Emeritus Howard Travis celebrated the unveiling of their fourth edition of their book *Oral Communication: Skills, Choices, and Consequences* at this year's National Communication Association Conference, held in Dallas, TX November 16-19.

The new edition contains additional interpersonal theories contributed by former MU colleague Alys Lucas.

The third edition sold over 17,000 copies at 45 schools nationwide. Unlike competing textbooks that sell for over \$100, Waveland Press has priced this edition at \$31.95. Young and Travis are committed to affordable textbook prices for students.

## Brass Band performs Veteran's Day concert at Bath VA hospital

The Mansfield University Mountaineer Brass Band, under the direction of Nathan Rinnert, presented a concert honoring U.S. military veterans on Saturday, November 11 at the VA Hospital Auditorium in Bath, NY to an appreciative audience of veterans, family members and members of the community.

"This is really important for the people on this (VA) campus for us to come and do this and for my students, it's a great education for us to come and offering this service," Rinnert said. "It's really special. It's more than patriotic. We feel that it is a service to our community and for these veterans. This is how this band functions. We do artistic things but we do them in service to others."

The hour-long concert featured a wide variety of marches, patriotic pieces and popular tunes, highlighted by the Armed Forces Salute, which includes songs associated with each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

For junior percussionist Joshua

Johnson, performing in concert carried extra meaning. Johnson is a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

"It's an awesome experience," he said. "I love giving back to the veterans, showing them that we all care, showing that we support them. We see their faces light up when their anthem comes up in the Armed Forces Salute. It's by far my favorite concert." "Being able to play for veterans on Veterans Day, there's no better feeling," senior saxophonist Richard Pollock said. "This is the second year I got to do it and honestly it's one of the biggest things I've been looking forward since last year." Following the concert, the VA hosted a reception for members of the band to interact with guests and residents of the VA Hospital facility.

The Mountaineer Brass Band is the only traditional British brass band in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, and one of only a handful of university brass bands in the U.S.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11 - Final exam period begins - “Give a Little” throughout week - Finals week breakfast 8am-9am - Climbing wall open 5pm-9pm - Cardio dance group fitness class 6pm-7pm	12 - Chillin’ with the Canines 2pm-4pm - Truth Bible Study 6:30pm-7:30pm - Zumba Group fitness class 7pm-8pm	13 - Brain Blast 4pm-5pm - Cycle group fitness class 4pm-5pm - Total body workout group fitness class 5pm-6pm	14 - Zumba group fitness class 7pm-8pm	15	16 - Fall commencement begins at 10am
17 - Women’s basketball: Mountaineers vs. LeMoyne College at 1pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
Happy holidays from all of us here at The Flashlight! Enjoy your break!						



# The Drifter and Burning Bright by Nick Petrie: A book review

By Dan Mason  
Advisor

I am always excited when I discover a new author.

About ten years ago my brother-in-law handed me Lee Child’s Killing Floor and I read my first Jack Reacher adventure. I was hooked. I read the dozen or so Reacher books that were available then started reading each one as it became available. Between my brother, my brothers-in-law, my son and my nephews, I only had to buy a couple. The rest passed my way as they made their way through the family.

After ten years I am finally able to return the favor, at least in a small way.

I browse the books in the supermarket. I saw Nick Petrie’s Burning Bright and read the first chapter before the manager asked me for the third time if everything was okay.

Burning Bright was the second Petrie book. The writing was clever and tight. The story was interesting and unexpected. It was good enough that I wanted to read Petrie’s first before I went any further in his second. As soon as I got home I ordered The Drifter from Amazon and read it when it arrived 48 hours later.

I’ve read enough books that I don’t often get caught up in a book and have to finish it before I turn off the light. I did with The Drifter. I finished it in one reading.

Peter Ash is an ex-USMC lieutenant. He suffers from PTSD. His friend commits suicide while Ash is in the mountains dealing with his own problems. When Ash learned of the suicide, he tried to help his friend’s family only to find out that there was more to the

suicide than there seemed at first.

Peter Ash is not the sleeping giant that Jack Reacher is. Ash is just a guy trying to deal with the things he went through in the Middle East and the way those things changed him.

Petrie idealizes veterans a little, but he also shows some of the things veterans have to deal with while serving and after serving their country. He does this while telling a gripping story.

Ash meets some memorable characters who turn out differently than any I have read in other books. Some of the good guys turn out to be not so good. Some of the bad guys are pretty damned bad, but in unexpected ways. Petrie surprised and pleased me with his handling of both the good guys and the bad guys.

I took a short break then read Burning Bright. Peter Ash uses the skills he learned as a Marine and, with the help of some of his veteran friends, takes an out-of-control private contractor out of the game. Burning Bright is full of great characters, tomorrow’s technology and some men and women who aren’t what they seem at first blush.

Anyone can write a first novel. It takes a writer to write a second novel. Nick Petrie is a writer.

I can now balance the scales with my brother-in-law. I can turn him on to a series we can share. On the one hand, I’m glad I found Petrie first. On the other hand, I’m sorry I found him when he’d only written two books. I am looking forward to reading more of Peter Ash’s adventures. I’ve read lots of stories. It takes something new to surprise me. Petrie surprised me in both his first and second novels. He won’t get by me next time. I’ll be ready and waiting.

# Communication Students assist at charity event

Five Mansfield University Communication students traveled to New York City on November 6 to volunteer at the Center for Hearing and Communication’s (CHC) annual Feast fundraiser gala.

Jesse Carr, Brielle Kelly, Alyssa Mullins, Mark Shelley and LeRon Strothers, accompanied by Professor Sue Young, Department of Communication chair, and Professor Emeritus Howard Travis, traveled from MU to Manhattan for the event.

The students had the opportunity to escort network television personalities to their tables and assess event planning in the beautiful venue at the Chelsea Piers. Young and Travis have been taking students to this event for 15 years.

The Feast serves as a fundraiser for the CHC, a nonprofit that provides hearing tests and hearing aid services, speech-language therapy, counseling and other services. This year’s event raised more than \$800,000.

# Editorial: Sexual Harassment and the #metoo campaign

By Emma Lynch  
Editor-in-Chief

It’s been a tumultuous couple of years it seems. The world is changing faster than some of us can keep up. I don’t try and keep up with the world anymore, just my homework. Every once in a while, though, I see something on Facebook and it piques my interest enough for me to find out more information. The most recent one was the #MeToo movement.

It started out, for me anyways, with just a friend or two randomly (or so it seemed) posting #MeToo. Soon there were several friends posting the hashtag, some with stories, some without. Which is about when I did my search on Google. Imagine my surprise when I found out what it stood for: an attempt to show the world just how rampant sexual harassment and assault is. All of it came in the wake of all the sexual harassment allegations that have been levied against several high profile people and comments made by our president during his election campaign.

I won’t get into politics though. That isn’t the point of my editorial. The point is to talk about a topic that isn’t easy for many of us to talk about. When a friend walks up to you and tells you that they were raped how do you respond? If you’re being sexually harassed, who do you go to? All too often people don’t come forward to say that anything happened. Sometimes it takes just one person coming to say “yes, this happened to me,” to cause an outpouring of admissions of being sexually assaulted, especially by that same person who was accused in the first place.

I did some digging. I looked at Haven and the information that they have. According to them 1 in 3 women have been raped, physically assaulted, and/or stalked by a partner. 80% of women who have been abused will stay with their partner. 24.3% of women and 13.8% of men 18 or older have been the victim of severe physical violence by a partner.

To me, these statistics are staggering and they scare me a little. I know why people don’t come forward and why they stay with their abuser. A lot of times they’re ashamed of what happened or they believe they deserved it; some of them don’t even realize that it’s abuse or assault.

The more I read about this topic, the sadder I am. Women are told not to dress like “sluts”, to never drink alone, leave their drink unattended, in some cases to never go anywhere by themselves. But women still get raped. Men, on the other hand, are told that if they’re abused or raped it’s because they’re “weak” or they aren’t “real” men. But men still get raped. Even less men than women report abuse or assault, whether it is sexual or physical. Which is why I also get frustrated when I read about things like this. Don’t get me wrong, I’m not frustrated with the victims; I’m frustrated that we live in a world where victims feel like they can’t come forward. Where it takes a movement like the #MeToo movement to show how bad things really are. Call me naive but the world would be a much better place if people stopped hurting one another.

This editorial isn’t about me either, though. It’s about us. Us as people, us as the MU family, as friends, neighbors, loved ones. I truly believe that we are the key to change.

I was looking at the police page for our school and I went back to the beginning of this year. Of all the reports posted for 2017, none of them were sexual misconduct, or sexual harassment. In fact, most of them had to do with drugs or alcohol. I was relieved when I saw that. I know that doesn’t mean that it isn’t happening at all, but hopefully it means that sexual assault or harassment isn’t quite as prevalent here as in other places.

I won’t ask you to post #MeToo. I won’t tell men that they’re weak or women that it is their fault. It isn’t. The guilt and shame lies solely with the person who committed the crime, never the victim. I will ask you this: if someone comes to you and says that anything like this has happened to them, don’t make them go through it alone. Take them to Haven (Alumni 104) or the Women’s Center (Alumni 301), the counseling center (South Hall 144), and/or campus police (Doane Center). Even the Mansfield Borough police. If you’re going through it yourself, go to these places, it is at least part, if not the whole reason they are on our campus. Take a friend if it helps. Just know that you are not alone. You are loved and there are people to help you through this. Even if we don’t know one another, we are a family. A large, sprawling, wonderful family.

The campus as a whole should know that we are in this together. We can be the change we want to see. It might start small, and it might take a while, but we can change the world if we put our minds to it. Be the change that you want to see. Sometimes all it takes is one person to start and the rest goes down in history.

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## Men’s Basketball wins 64-55 over Mercyhurst

Jeremiah Worthem scored a game-high 21 points as Mansfield men's basketball completed the weekend sweep of PSAC crossovers with a 64-55 win over Mercyhurst Sunday at Decker Gymnasium. The two conference wins this weekend place the Mountaineers in a two-way tie for third place in the PSAC Eastern division. Mansfield (3-3, 3-1 PSAC) got off to a 10-4 advantage over the first five minutes of the game before jumping out to the biggest lead of the game at 24-12 later in the half. The Lakers worked their deficit down to two points with a lay-up in the final minute of the half as Mansfield held on to a 32-30 lead at halftime. In the second half, Mansfield brought its lead up to seven points on a Worthem jumper five minutes in. However, five straight Mercyhurst (4-3, 2-2 PSAC) points took the game back within two points. The Mountaineers maintained at least a two-possession lead throughout the rest of the game to earn a big crossover victory. Worthem went 7-14 from the floor and a perfect 7-7 from the free throw line to record a season-high 21 points. Tamasosky chipped in 12 points with Tyler Moffe adding 11 points. Tamasosky is now just 27 points away from becoming the 26th player in program history to hit the 1,000-point milestone. Malik Carter recorded nine points and had a game-high seven boards along with Cedrick Powell. Powell also dished out a game-high six assists. Malcolm Walters scored a team-high 15 points for Mercyhurst with Lorenzo Collier adding 14 points. Mansfield shot 52.3% (22-44) from the floor while holding

the Lakers to just 37.3% (22-59) shooting in the game. The Mountaineers travel to Roberts Wesleyan for a rematch on Tuesday before hosting IUP at Decker Gymnasium on Saturday.

## Women’s basketball loses to Mercyhurst by 14 points

Seniors Brielle Kelly and Melanie Taylor added 17 and 13 points, respectively, but it would not be enough as Mansfield dropped a 65-51 final to Mercyhurst Sunday afternoon. Taylor connected on two trifectas and shot 4-5 from the line. Kelly notched her eighth consecutive game in double figure scoring while grabbing three rebounds for Mansfield (3-5, 1-3 PSAC). Kelly is now 15th on the all-time scoring list with 1,059 points, surpassing Alicia Espigh and Jena Matter in today's match-up. She is eight points away from taking the 14th spot from Deb Schneider. Mary Kate Rumbaugh and Alyssa Mullins each grabbed a team-high five boards. Rumbaugh added six points, two assists, two blocks, and a steal as Mullins scored five of her own. The Mountaineers held their only lead of the game in the first five minutes of play before Mercyhurst (4-5, 3-0 PSAC) caught up on a trey from Rachel Chessar. Taylor rocketed off a trifecta in response to tie up the game. The Lakers held a 17-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Each team scored 16 points in the second to end the half 33-27 before Mansfield outscored Mercyhurst 14-13 in the third. The Mounties capitalized on the Lakers 14 turnovers as Kelly shot 8-15 from the floor. MU trialed 46-41 with 10 minutes left in the game. A weak final frame closed the game at 65-51 as Amber

Renz led the Lakers in scoring with a game-high 19 points while Emilee Norris grabbed a game-high 12 boards. The Mountaineers break for two days before returning to Decker Gymnasium on Wednesday to host West Virginia State at 5:30 p.m.

## Both teams to play Indian University

Tomorrow both the men and women’s basketball teams will be facing off against Indiana University in home games. The women will take the court at 1:00 p.m. and the men will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Coming up in Mountaineer Sports						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 - Women’s basketball at Le Moyne college at 1:00p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23